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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, SP

SUBJECT: NWC VISIT WITH PRINCE JUAN CARLOS

1. PRINCE JUAN CARLOS MADE FOLLOWING POINTS OF  
INTEREST TO VISITING NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE GROUP  
APRIL 25:

A. IN REPLY TO QUESTION ABOUT FORTHCOMING CHANGES HE MIGHT  
ENVISAGE, PRINCE ALLUDED TO HIS OWN PERSONAL SITUATION,  
PRESUMABLY IN REFERENCE TO RUMORS THAT FRANCO MIGHT PASS  
ON POWERS IN NEAR FUTURE, STATING IN EFFECT HE HAD NO IDEA  
AND WOULD BE AMONG LAST TO KNOW. "IN 1969", HE SAID,  
"THEY GAVE ME ONLY TEN DAYS NOTICE." THIS WAS IN APPARENT  
REFERENCE TO 1969 DECREE WHICH ESTABLISHED HIM AS LEGAL  
SUCCESSOR TO FRANCO.

B. PRINCE SAID HE MERELY TRIED TO DO BEST HE  
COULD, PUTTING EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING SPAIN'S IMAGE ABROAD  
AND DIRECTING HIS ATTENTION TO DOMESTIC AREAS WHERE HE  
MILHT BE HELPFUL.

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C. HE ALLUDED TO 1966 PRESS LAW AND EVOLVING PRESS

FREEDOMS, STATING THAT PRESS THOUGHT THAT BY CONTINUOUS  
PRESSURE ON CERTAIN ISSUES, IT WOULD BRING THEM TO HEAD AND  
ENGENDER ACTION. HE CAUTIONED THAT THIS WAS ILLUSORY, AND  
THAT ONLY TIME AND EVOLUTION COULD EFFECT SOME OF THE  
CHANGES THE FUTURE MIGHT HOLD.

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